

table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 2017) was read the third time and passed.

SECOND HIGHER EDUCATION EXTENSION ACT OF 2005

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 4525, which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4525) to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 4525) was read the third time and passed.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H. CON. RES. 326

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to consideration of H. Con. Res. 326, the adjournment resolution; provided that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table. I further ask unanimous consent that action on the resolution be vitiated if the House does not adopt S. Con. Res. 74.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 326) was agreed to, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 326

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring). That when the House adjourns on any legislative day from Sunday, December 18, 2005, through Saturday, December 24, 2005, or from Monday, December 26, 2005, through Saturday, December 31, 2005, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned sine die or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 3 of this concurrent resolution; and when the Senate adjourns on any day from Monday, December 19, 2005, through Saturday, December 24, 2005, or from Monday, December 26, 2005, through Saturday, December 31, 2005, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned sine die or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 3 of this concurrent resolution.

SEC. 2. When the House adjourns on any legislative day of the second session of the One Hundred Ninth Congress from Tuesday, January 3, 2006, through Saturday, January 28, 2006, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it shall stand adjourned until noon on Tuesday, January 31, 2006, or

until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 3 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; when the Senate recesses or adjourns on any day of the second session of the One Hundred Ninth Congress from Tuesday, January 3, 2006, through Monday, January 16, 2006, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it shall stand recessed or adjourned until noon on Wednesday, January 18, 2006, or until such other time on that day as may be specified by its Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 3 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and when the Senate recesses or adjourns on any day from Friday, January 20, 2006, through Saturday, January 28, 2006, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it shall stand recessed or adjourned until noon on Tuesday, January 31, 2006, or until such other time on that day as may be specified by its Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 3 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 3. The Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate, or their respective designees, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House and the Minority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the House and the Senate, respectively, to reassemble at such place and time as they may designate if, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment sine die under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 326, and when the Senate reconvenes at 12 noon on January 3, it be for a pro forma session only, and that no business be in order and the Senate then automatically adjourn until 10 a.m. on January 18 as under the provisions of that resolution, or until 8 p.m. on December 22 if the House does not adopt S. Con. Res. 74. I further ask that on whichever day the Senate reconvenes, following the prayer and the pledge, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the Journal of the proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved, and then the Senate proceed to a period of morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

THANKING THE STAFF AND PAGES

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, as we bring this first session of the 109th Congress to a close, I once again thank my colleagues, the staff, the pages, and everyone who contributes so much to our work in this Chamber.

I want to give a special thanks to the few pages we have remaining this evening. Most of them have gone back home to their families, and we have a few volunteers who stayed behind. They are instrumental in allowing us

to carry out our work each day. It is very rare that we actually say thank you. I want to take this opportunity to say thank you for volunteering to be with us over what has been a pretty long last couple of days. So I thank Rafi Bortnick, Katie Rember, and Dan Tinsley.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy holiday season. I hope that everyone does get some rest and spends some time with family and friends and neighbors and others in their communities and returns back here in January ready to roll up your sleeves and continue right where we left off.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL DECEMBER 22, 2005 OR JANUARY 3, 2006

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 12:13 a.m., adjourned until Thursday, December 22, 2005, at 8 p.m. or Tuesday, January 3, 2006.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate December 21, 2005:

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ALEXANDER A. KARSNER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY), VICE DAVID GARMAN.

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

SUSAN RICHARDSON WILLIAMS, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 18, 2007. (NEW POSITION)

DONALD R. DEPRIEST, OF MISSISSIPPI, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 18, 2009. (NEW POSITION)

HOWARD A. THRAILKILL, OF ALABAMA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY FOR THE TERM PRESCRIBED BY LAW, VICE GLENN L. MCCULLOUGH, JR., RESIGNED.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

VINCE J. JUARISTI, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR A TERM EXPIRING FEBRUARY 8, 2009, VICE LESLIE LENKOWSKY, TERM EXPIRED.

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 5721:

To be lieutenant commander

CHRISTOPHER P. BOBB, 0000
BRUCE J. CICCONE, JR., 0000
CHAD J. CONEWAY, 0000
DAVID COX, 0000
DENNIS M. DAVIS, 0000
RICHARD A. DEHAVEN, 0000
MICHAEL J. DONIGER, 0000
DAVID L. EDGERTON, 0000
RANDALL I. FEHER, 0000
JEFFREY L. HEAMES, 0000
BRIAN P. HOGAN, 0000
JONATHAN S. HOLMGREN, SR., 0000
NOMER F. JAVIER, 0000
MICHAEL D. JOHNSON, 0000
CHARLES O. JONES, 0000
DAVID R. KINNEY, 0000
BRIAN S. ONEILL, 0000
JEFFREY D. ORBERSON, 0000
VINCENT J. WOOD, 0000

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate, Wednesday, December 21, 2005: